

ROCKLAND FINANCE COMMITTEE
ROCKLAND TOWN HALL
ROCKLAND, MA 02370

June 2, 2010

The Finance Committee met on June 2, 2010 in the lower conference hall at 6:30 p.m. In attendance at this meeting were Bill Allen, John Ellard, Bob MacDonald, Joe Gambon, Rachel Gear, Dolores Baronas, Julie Shaffer, Rich Penney and Paula Ferguson. Absent were Caryn Stevens and Ian Curran.

The meeting was brought to order at 6:32 p.m. by Chairman John Ellard.

A motion was made by Bob MacDonald to accept the May 3, 2010 minutes, seconded by Rich Penney. A unanimous vote was taken.

Discussion was made on the transfer request from the Board of Health Disposal Account to the Park Department for maintenance in the amount of \$3500.00. Often times the Park Department picks up items off the side of the road and has to pay to dispose of them. A motion was made by Rich, seconded by Julie. 7 voted to approve, Bob abstained.

There was another transfer request from the Board of Selectmen's Account to the Park Department for \$7000.00 as the second payment to the Park Department. A question was raised as to \$7000.00 being more than 3% of the budget or \$5190 as written on the transfer request. We need more verification of this.

There was a Reserve Fund request for \$797.36 and also \$7875 for legal counsel. A question was raised as to the emergency of this bill as it was listed as the reason for the request was Town meeting, Rent Control, clearance for a title that ended up not being sold. A motion was made by Bill, seconded by Rich to table. 7 voted in approval, Rachel voted against.

John Ellard will write a letter telling the Board of Selectmen to halt on deficit spending of the legal account. They are currently 12% over budget. A motion was made by Rich for this letter to be written, seconded by Bill. 7 voted in approval, Rachel opposed.

Rich Penny reported that they will start construction on the new school in mid to late August. The foundation is set to be poured in September or October. We will lose the auditorium for a year. Superintendent John Rechless has suggested a clock tower for the new school.

John Ellard suggested people start thinking about if they want to run for positions on the Finance Committee and also to be representatives for Capital Planning and the school building committee.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, June 9th in the UPPER conference room at 6:30 and also July 14th in the lower conference room.

A motion was made to adjourn by Bill, seconded by Joe. 7 voted in favor, Bob opposed.

Reserve Fund Balance: \$35,000

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Ferguson
Secretary
Rockland Finance Committee